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Title: METHODS OF ALTERING THE BINDING AFFINITY OF A PEPTIDE TO ITS RECEPTOR

AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 OFFICE ACTION,

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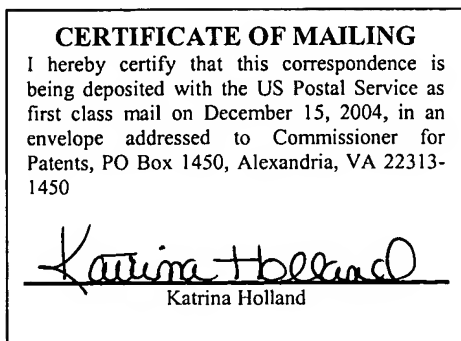
Sir:

This Amendment responds to the September 9, 2004 Office Action. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 15 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.



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